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My husband and I are residence here in Boulevard. We moved here to enjoy the backcountry life style we prefer, with the night sky, the wildlife and peace and quite that you can not have in City life. With the windmills moving in it has ruined our view of the Laguna Mtn. along with the Casino and the new Border Patrol station with all of the security lights it is ruining our night sky and killing the wildlife!

Now with these new projects including the solar panels you are considering please consider the residence. There are many reasons not to allow any additional power projects out here in the back country.

1. There will be more security lights, taking away our night sky.
2. There will be destruction of wildlife areas that can never be replaced. The amount of dead animals have already increased by dozens a week, coyotes, owls, hawks, foxes, deer, and who knows how many other animals. We know the birds of prey (owls, hawks, and eagles) are suppose to be protected but with all the new projects out here we personally have seen 10 times the amount of dead owls and hawks in the last couple years than in the first 10 years we lived here, this will only continue to increase with the increase of power projects here.
3. These projects will take even more of the residence views away which is one of the main reasons we moved this far out. I (Teresa) travel 130 miles round trip everyday to go to work so we could live in the backcountry. We knew we would be paying more to go to work, get grocery and many other inconveniences by moving this far away from the city, but we were willing to pay this costs to get away from industry such as lights, noise, close housing, etc. We do NOT want our views to be a sea of towering, humming windmills, or solar panels that clare at me when the sun hits them, or takes the brush away so there are no more birds, and small animals. This will destroy the whole reason we moved so far away from the city.
4. Our home values will decline even worse than they already have from the economy. What drew us to this small town and our home is being destroyed and no one will be interested in living in the middle of a bunch of power plants. (Solar, Windmills, and Power lines) Not even considering the health issues that are connected to these different power sources.
5. Talk to the fire departments, this area is well known to be at a high fire risk and our understanding is that if there are a bunch of solar panels the fire department would not fly over and drop water or anything else on the fire if it was close to the panels, they would simple let it burn to them. If this happens the fire will be much larger and out of control before the fire department would even try to put it out. It was only a month or so since we had a fire here that burned many homes and took the life of a resident, the fire department worked hard to control it using both air

and ground fighters. They did save many homes and controlled the fire with in 2 days, what would have happened if the panels were here?

I hope you take all of these statements very seriously, We know that our options are shared by most of the residence in this area.

The only land owners that want all of these projects to go through are the ones that do NOT LIVE HERE.

And we do not believe any of these companies would be trying to come here if it wasn't for the government subsidies.

Thank You for your consideration,

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